

census; the further fact that the District Director's report or publications are superseded by the reports and publication of the Area Supervisor of the census, and the further fact that the final report by the Director of the Bureau of Census of the U. S. Department of Commerce supersedes all previous reports; and in view of these facts, when a Federal Decennial Census is taken there is confusion, uncertainty and a multitude of changes until such a time as the report by the Director of the Bureau of Census is finally released and published; and the further fact that the Federal Decennial Census should be effective and officially recognized on a date certain, together create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, April 18, 1963: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, May 22, 1963, by a non-record vote.

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STATUTORY REVISION PROGRAM

CHAPTER 448.⁹³

S. B. No. 367

An Act authorizing a permanent statutory revision program for the State of Texas; placing the responsibility for planning and executing the program in the Texas Legislative Council; providing for the appointment of a Statutory Revision Advisory Committee to advise the Legislative Council on certain matters; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. There is created a permanent statutory revision program for the systematic and continual study of the statutes of this state and for formal revisions on a topical or code basis to clarify, simplify and make generally more accessible, understandable and usable the statutory law of Texas. In carrying out the revision program, the sense, meaning or effect of any legislative act shall not be altered.

Sec. 2. The Texas Legislative Council shall plan and execute the statutory revision program. The work of revision shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The preparation of a statutory record showing the status and disposition within the classification of the revised statutes of all acts enacted by the Legislature.

(b) The preparation and submission to the Legislature from time to time in bill form revisions of the statutes on a topic or code basis. Such revisions shall be accompanied by reports containing the revisor's notes explaining in detail the work done.

(c) The formulation and implementation of a continuous revision program whereby the statutes which have been revised and enacted by the Legislature may be kept up to date, thus obviating the necessity of subsequent major revisions.

93. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 5429b—1.

Sec. 3. (a) A Statutory Revision Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Texas Legislative Council to consult with and advise the Council with respect to matters relating to the classification and arrangement of the statutes, the numbering system to be used and the preparation of a revisor's manual. The Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed actual expenses incurred in attending official meetings of the Committee. All such expenses incurred shall be paid out of any funds appropriated to the Texas Legislative Council. The Advisory Committee shall select one of its members as chairman, and shall meet at the call of the Chairman of the Texas Legislative Council. The Committee shall include representatives of the State Bar of Texas, the judiciary, and the Texas Law Schools. The Advisory Committee shall serve for a period of two (2) years from the date of appointment.

(b) Subsequent Advisory Committees may be appointed to consult with and advise the Legislative Council with respect to matters relating to the revision of particular subjects of the law when the Legislative Council determines a need exists for such a committee. Such Committees shall be appointed in the same manner, shall be similarly constituted and subject to the same provisions as provided in Paragraph (a) of this Section.

Sec. 4. The fact, that the Texas Constitution in Article III, Section 43, recognizes the need for regular revisions of the laws of Texas, and the laws have not undergone a general revision since the revision of 1925; and the fact that during the ensuing period many conflicting and duplicate provisions have crept into the laws and other obsolete and unconstitutional provisions have not been repealed; and the fact that this situation causes much difficulty to the Bar and to the public in finding authoritative law, and may cause unnecessary litigation and result in injustice by preventing application of correct law, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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